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In re Patent Application of:  
Benjamin Chain et al.

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Art Unit: 1645

For: CHIMERIC PEPTIDES AS IMMUNOGENS,  
ANTIBODIES THERETO, AND METHODS  
FOR IMMUNIZATION USING CHIMERIC  
PEPTIDES OR ANTIBODIES

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Examiner: Rodney P. Swartz

**NOTIFICATION OF RELATED CO-PENDING APPLICATIONS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby desire to bring to the Examiner's attention the existence of the following three co-pending patent applications listing common inventors, assigned to a common assignee, and disclosing similar subject matter as the above-referenced utility patent application:

- (1) Application No. 09/402,820, filed October 12, 1999;
- (2) Application No. 10/084,380, filed February 28, 2002, and published as US 2003/0073655 A1 on April 17, 2003; and
- (3) Application No. 11/745,759, filed May 8, 2007.

This Notification is not to be construed as an admission that the co-pending applications are prior art, or an admission that a double-patenting rejection is appropriate in the present application or the co-pending applications.

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